

(Figures in tonnes)

	<i>Middlings</i>	<i>Slurry</i>
(B) * Central Coalfields Limited		
1. Kargali	576000	—
2. Kathara	408422	85800
3. Swang	256300	45600
4. Giddi	433950	80400
5. Rajrappa	378225	71600
Total	2052897	283400
(C) Western Coalfields Limited		
1. Nandan	147000	29400
Total-CIL =	3756579	529423
(A+B+C)		

(c) and (d). In case of BCCL washeries, middlings are generally despatched to power houses. Middling grade slurry of Patherdih and Mahuda washeries are issued to private parties and cokeries to some extent within the frame-work of rules framed for this purpose. In case of Kargali, Kathara and Giddi washeries of CCL, contractors/Co-operative societies are engaged for reclamation of slurry from slurry ponds and dumping in the dumping yards. For Nandan Washery of WCL, a part of the slurry is being disposed of to the Sarani power house of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board and balance to other parties through open tenders.

[Translation]

Transport Facilities In Metropolitan Cities

3602. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will

the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the provision made for the facilities of transport, etc. of the metropolitan cities, metropolitan city-wise;

(b) whether the Government have any scheme for the slum development of Bombay; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Urban Transportation is a State subject. The State Govts. provide funds for such transportation in their annual budgets. However, in metropolitan cities of Calcutta, Bombay and Madras the Ministry of Railways have made the following provisions:-

1. Calcutta : Rs. 121 crores
2. Bombay : Rs. 32.40 crores
3. Madras : Rs. 13 crores

Under the budget of Urban Development Ministry, Rs. 5 crores have been provided for Urban Transport Consortium Fund for 1991-92.

(b) & (c). Slum Development in the Urban areas of Bombay is a State subject. However, central assistance is also provided for slum improvements in Bombay through the following schemes:-

- (i) *World Bank assisted Bombay Urban Development Project*:- This project is under implementation in Bombay at a total project cost of Rs. 282.33 crores which includes Rs. 23.74 crores for slum development.
- (ii) *Prime Minister's Grant for Bombay*:- Under this scheme Rs. 22 crores have been provided for slum upgradation in Bombay.

9th Finance Commission Grants:- The 9th Finance Commission has recommended Rs. 50 crores to be provided for slum clearance and environment improvement of slums in Bombay as one time special grant-in-aid. The release of funds is being controlled by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

[English]

Backward Districts in Gujarat

3603. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of industrially backward districts in Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government propose to declare some more districts of Gujarat as backward; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The names of Centrally declared backward areas in Gujarat are:- Amreli, Banaskantha, Bhavnagar, Bharuch, Junagadh, Kutch, Mehsana, Panchmahals, Sabarkantha, Surendernagar and Dang.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Fire in Jharia Coalfields

3604. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fire in Jharia coalfields has damaged coal reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to give up fighting the fire and abandoning the Jharia coal mines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOURA): (a) and (b). There were 70 fires in Jharia Coalfield covering an area of 17.32 Sq.Km., since a long time before nationalisation of Coking coal mines. It is difficult to make precise estimates of loss of coal reserves by fires. However, the coal company have estimated that coal reserves to an extent of about 37 million tonnes might have been damaged in these fires.